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SUBJECT: SOMALI ALLEGATIONS OF GENOCIDE IN OGADEN

REF: USUN 957 (NOTAL)

1. ON MARCH 22 SOMALI EMBASSY HERE DELIVERED NOTE DATED
MARCH 18 WHICH TRANSMITTED TEXT OF TELEGRAM FROM MINISTRY
OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS AS FOLLOWS:

QUOTE: ETHIOPIAN WITH THEIR WAR PLANES HAVE STARTED A
GENOCIDE OF SOMALI MEN, WOMEN AND CHILDREN LIVING IN THE
OGADEN REGION, A SITUATION WHICH THE GOVERNMENT OF THE
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SOMALI DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC FEARED MOST, AS SOON AS SHE
WITHDRAWS HER BACKING AND SUPPORT FROM THIS DISPUTED AREA.
ETHIOPIA HAS BEGAN ATTACKING THE OGADEN TOWNS AND KILLING
UNACCOUNTED NUMBERS OF PEOPLE IN A BARBARIC WAY. UNQUOTE.

SUBSTANTIVE PORTION OF NOTE ENDS AS FOLLOWS:

QUOTE: THE CHARGE D'AFFAIRES OF THIS EMBASSY THEREFORE REQUESTS THAT ACTION BE UNDERTAKEN TO PREVENT FURTHER DESTRUCTION AND MASSACRE OF INNOCENT VICTIMS OF THIS SAVAGE AFTERMATH. UNQUOTE.

2. NOTE PARALLELS ACCUSATIONS BY SOMALI UN AMBASSADOR (REFTEL) THAT ETHIOPIANS DESTROYING ALL VILLAGES AND INSTALLATIONS IN OGADEN IN ORDER TO FORCE PEOPLE TO LEAVE OGADEN. DEPARTMENT HAS NO INFORMATION TO CONFIRM STORIES OF ETHIOPIAN REPRISALS.

3. DEPARTMENT WOULD APPRECIATE ANY INFORMATION WHICH WOULD TEND TO CONFIRM OR DENY SOMALI ALLEGATIONS OR SHED LIGHT ON ACTUAL CONDITIONS IN OGADEN IN WAKE OF WITHDRAWAL SOMALI FORCES. VANCE

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